

Tuesday 10 o'clock, A. M.
January 25th, 1848.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Abbott, Bourland, Brashear, Bache, Clark, Cuny, Dancy, Gage, Grimes, McRae, Perkins, Phillips, Wallace, Williams and Wooten—quorum present.

Mr. Gage presented the petition of Sundry citizens of Nacogdoches county, protesting against any alteration of their county boundaries, which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Gage, referred to the committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

Mr. Wallace presented the petition of the Board of Trustees of the University of San Augustine, which was,

On motion of Mr. Wallace, referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Clark, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, made the following reports:

Committee Room,
Jan. 25th, 1848.

Hon. JOHN A. GREER,
President of the Senate:

The committee on the Judiciary have considered, and herewith return "an act to create a lien on domestic vessels for supplies and materials furnished them, and for repairs and labor done thereon," and recommend it to the favorable consideration of the Senate.

EDWARD CLARK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
January 25th, 1848.

Hon. J. A. GREER,
President of the Senate:

The Judiciary committee have considered "an act authorizing

persons who have received donation certificates under the provisions of an act granting lands to those who were in the battle of San Jacinto and other battles," approved December 20th, 1837, to alienate said certificates and lands acquired under them, and a majority of the committee recommend that the proviso of the first section be stricken out, and the bill passed.

EDWARD CLARK, Chairman.

Mr. Gage, chairman of the committee on Counties and County Boundaries, made the following report:

Committee Room,
January 25th, 1848.

Hon. JOHN A. GREER,
President of the Senate :

The committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to which was referred a bill to create the county of Webb, have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report the same with an amendment, and recommend its passage.

Amendment—strike out the third section.

D. GAGE, Chairman.

Mr. Dancy, chairman of the committee on State Affairs, made the following reports:

Committee Room,
January 24th, 1848.

J. A. GREER,
President of the Senate :

The committee on Affairs of State, to whom was referred "joint resolutions requesting the Senators and representatives of Texas, in the Congress of the United States, to protest against the relinquishment of the Mexican provinces or States conquered by, and in possession of, the United States; and also, to protest against any law which shall be intended to prevent the citizens of slave holding States from taking their property with them, in emigrating to said acquired territory," after examining

the same, have instructed me to report said joint resolutions back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommend their passage.

JON W. DANCY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
January 24th, 1848.

J. A. GREER,

President of the Senate:

The committee on Affairs of State have examined "an act to authorize the city of Galveston to appoint Firemen, and exempt the same from militia and jury duty" which was referred to them, and instructed me to report the bill back to the Senate, with the following amendments:

First amendment.

Section 2nd, in line fifth, after "duty" insert "except during insurrection, rebellion, or invasion."

Second amendment.

Section 3d, in line 3, after "bye-laws" insert, "not inconsistent with the laws and Constitution of the State," and recommend the adoption of the amendments, and the passage of the bill as amended.

JON W. DANCY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Jan. 24th, 1848.

J. A. GREER,

President of the Senate:

The Committee on affairs of State, to whom was referred "an act to repeal the laws of the late Republic of Texas, creating a board of medical censors" have examined the same, and instruct me to report the bill back to the Senate and recommend its passage.

JON W. DANCY, Chairman.

Committee Room, }
January 24th, 1848. }

J. A. GREER,
President of the Senate:

The committee on affairs of State, to whom were referred "an act to prohibit the boards of Land Commissioners in each county in this State from issuing certificates to any claimant whatsoever, unless the applicant or claimant shall previously thereto, have received a conditional certificate from some competent board," and the former report of this committee thereon, after considering the same, have instructed me to report a substitute for said bill, by way of amending the same, and recommend the adoption of the substitute.

JON W. DANCY, Chairman.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, through their Chief Clerk, informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills and Joint Resolutions, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to exclude fraudulent land certificates from being evidence of title to land, and to prohibit the legal process upon the same.

Joint Resolution requiring the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a patent in the name of the heirs of William P. Nunn.

Also, the following bills, which originated in the Senate, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to declare the name of Beazely, son of Marcelleat Dugat, and also to legitimate said Beazely.

A bill to be entitled an act to make Robert Franklin Miller, the lawful heir of Solomon Miller.

Mr. Perkins, Chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following bill correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to organize the Militia of Santa Fe.

On motion of Mr. Gage, the House was requested to return

to the Senate a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the sale of lots in the city of Austin, and tract adjoining.

Which request was granted, and bill returned.

On motion of Mr. Gage, the vote passing the above bill on yesterday was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Wallace the bill was made the special order of the day for Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. Wallace "a bill to be entitled an act to prevent Justices of the Peace, and Clerks of District, County and Probate Courts, from issuing executions, for costs only, in civil causes, was taken up and placed among the orders of the day.

The Senate proceeded to the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Thomas Harvey, to Thomas Harvey Forrester; read second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to legalize the marriage of Rhesa Green Stalcup, and Mary Ann Miller; read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to legitimate Mary Malicia Stalcup, and render her capable of taking by descent the estate of her parents; read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to be entitled an act to define the county boundaries of Goliad County; read second time.

And, on motion of Mr. Phillips, referred to the committee on counties and county boundaries.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the German Texian Friendship association of Galveston; read second time.

And on motion of Mr. Clark referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, a bill to be entitled an act to create the county of Webb was taken up, which, together with the report of the committee on counties and county boundaries, thereon, reporting amendments was read.

Mr. Phillips moved to amend the amendment proposed by the Committee, by striking out the word "inhabitants" in first line, in third section, and inserting "citizens" and strike out all after the word "State" "in fourth line."

Adopted.

The yeas and nays were then called on the adoption of the report of the committee, and stood thus.

YEAS—Messrs. Bourland, Brashear, Bache, Clark, Cuny, Dancy, Gage, Grimes, Jewett, McRea, Wallace, Williams and Williamson—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbott, Perkins and Phillips—3.

Bill passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the rule was suspended and bill read third time and passed.

A message was received from the House of Representatives informing the Senate, that the House had concurred in the amendments of the Senate to a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate Protection Fire Company, No. 1, City of Houston.

A bill to be entitled an act to organize the Militia of Santa Fe; read third time and passed.

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent Justices of the Peace, and Clerks of District, County and Probate Courts, from issuing executions for costs only, in civil cases was read.

Mr. Wallace moved to amend the caption by striking out "in civil cases."

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Abbott, the bill was re-committed to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to exclude fraudulent land certificates from being evidence of title to land, and to prohibit the legal process upon the same; read first time.

Joint Resolution requiring the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to issue a patent in the name of the heirs of William P. Nunn; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Brashear, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.